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Local Officials, Fire Protection Administrators, and
Library District Administrators in the Thermal Electric
Generating Facilities Impact Area

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**SUBJECT: POPULATION ESTIMATES FOR THE 2003 DISTRIBUTION OF
THERMAL ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITIES TAX PROCEEDS**

Population estimates for incorporated places, unincorporated areas, fire protection districts, and library districts within the thermal electric generating facilities impact area are attached. These population estimates should be used for the 2003 distribution of tax proceeds from the thermal electric generating facilities in accordance with RCW 54.28.055. A map of the thermal electric generating facilities impact area, as defined by RCW 54.28.010(7), is also attached.

Estimate Procedures

The 2003 estimates are developed from a census based Geographic Information System (GIS) which uses spatial interpolation to allocate population when district boundary lines cross census blocks. For some smaller districts, such as fire protection districts, estimate differences were large, compared to the prior estimate procedure. Boundaries for cities and towns and the fire protection districts are derived from electronic maps, furnished by the Department of Revenue, current to March, 2002. Some adjustments were made.

Population Data

The population figures shown in Tables 1 through 3 were developed using block level population counts for the 2000 federal census Public Law 94-171 redistricting counts and the Office of

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Financial Management's official April 1, 2002 population estimates for cities, towns, and counties. City boundaries were adjusted to include all annexations through February 28, 2003.

Definitions for the population of incorporated places, unincorporated areas, fire protection districts, and library districts are identical to those used for the past ten years. Library district populations shown in Table 3 reflect the population within library district boundaries as defined in RCW 27.12.010(4) through RCW 27.12.010(7), which specifically exclude any incorporated population within library district boundaries.

Annexations

Large annexations to the City of Pasco, containing over 700 persons, noticeably reduced the population of Fire District 3 in Franklin County. Annexations to Kennewick have a less noticeable impact on Fire District 1 in Benton County because the population loss is offset by the strong development and population growth in the unincorporated area.

If you have any questions regarding these figures, please contact Lawrence Weisser at (360) 902-0589.

Attachments

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